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SUBJ: TOURISM TO CHINA FROM ETHIOPIA

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMERCIAL AIR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EPMG AND PRC, "RESIDENTS" OF ETHIOPIA ARE SUPPOSED TO GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN TOURIST VISAS FOR PRC. PRC HAS OFTEN CONSTRUED MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN ADDIS AS RESIDENTS, AND GIVEN THEM VISAS.

2. EA/PRCM WILL KNOW THAT A BATCH OF RESIDENTS IN ETHIOPIA, INCLUDING EIGHT EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS OF EMBASSY, ARE AWAITING PRC VISAS FOR A GROUP TOUR ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12-22. ALL OFFICIALLY CONNECTED AMCITS HAD SUBMITTED REQUIRED INFO TO PRCM. ETHIOPIAN AIR LINES AND A LOCAL TOURIST ORGANIZATION TEN DAYS AGO RECEIVED WORD FROM CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE THAT VISAS WERE BEING AUTHORIZED. HOWEVER, LAST WEEK WORD CAME THAT TRIP WOULD BE POSTPONED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF A PLETHORA OF TOURISTS GROUPS IN PRC (LOCAL SURMISE IS THAT POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN PRC ARE THE REAL REASON). WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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